Number of Landless Peasants

1197. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of landless peasants in the country, State-wise, as on March, 31st 1989;

(b) by when these peasants are likely to get lands; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) According to available information, no specific survey has been conducted to find out the number of landless peasants in the country. However, the National Sample Survey Organisation had collected information, *inter alia*, on land possessed by the households in the NSS 38th Round (Jan-Dec. 1983) Survey on "Consumer Expenditure and Employment & Unemployment". As per this survey, it is estimated that there were 29.76 lakh households in the rural areas possessing less than 0.01 acre of land (with or without owned homestead) among "households selfemployed in agriculture" and "agricultural labour households. The information for major states is given at enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Considerable efforts have been made by Government over the years to distribute land to the landless rural poor. However, considering the number of landless peasants in the country, it does not seem possible to distribute land to all of them.

Statement

Number of households possessing less than 0.01 *acre of land* (i) *among households self-employed in agriculture and* (ii) *among agricultural labour households*

RURAL

(figures in thousands)

Major State	No. of households possessing less than 0.01 acre of land among		Total (2+3)
	households self employed in agriculture	agricultural labour households	
1	2	3	4
Maharasthra	24	796	820
Gujarat	27	389	416
Tamil Nadu	13	324	373
Karnataka	2	174	176
Madhya Pradesh	8	258	266
Haryana	5	74	79
Andhra Pradesh	27	240	267

Major State	No. of households Possesing less than 0.01 acre of land among		
	house-holds self employed in agriculture	agricultural labour house-holds	Total (2+3)
1	2	3	4
Rajasthan	12	65	77
West Bengal	17	107	124
Assam	4	27	31
Punjab	8	19	27
Orissa	4	48	52
Uttar Pradesh	30	147	177
Kerala	2	26	28
Bihar	15	52	67
ALL INDIA	213	2763	2976

SOURCE: NSS 38th Round (1983)
PROVISIONAL: Subject to revision.

Production of Vanaspati and other vegetable oils

1198. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of Vanaspati and other vegetable oils in the country during the last financial year, State-wise;

(b) the corresponding figures of production of these oils during the years 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(c) what is the requirement of Vanaspati and other vegetable oils in the country; and

(d) by when self-sufficiency is likely to be attained in production of these oils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) (a) As per the information available the total production of vanaspati (State-wise) and other vegetable oils in the country is given at enclosed Statement. (See below)

(b) and (c) (i) The total requirement and production of vegetable oils during the last three years are as under:—

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

Year (Nov.-Oct.)	Requirement+	Supply
1986-87	48.45	33.48
1987-88	54.68	37.67
1988-89	55.34	47.80*

+ The figures include the oil required for the manufacture of vanaspati also.

*Based one estimated oilseeds production of 160 lakh tonnes.

(ii) The production of Vanaspati is a reflection of its requirement which is as under:—

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

Year (April-March)	Production
1986-87	9.17
1987-88	9.80
1988-89	9.96

(d) Government is making all easly as possible.